



12th Annual New England Conference on **Multicultural Education** (**NECME**)

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ABOUT MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION

We are living in an incredibly exciting era, where working and vacationing overseas, and meeting people from a multitude of different cultural backgrounds is commonplace. The power of the Internet through the use of technology such as email, web pages, blogs and instant messaging has helped bring us all closer together. Our local neighborhood has expanded. The entire world has become part of our extended family. Our great nation is enriched with the words, songs, fragrances and images of people from around the world who now are our friends, neighbors and co-workers. The workers of the future must develop the attitudes, knowledge and skills to succeed in a multicultural environment or they will surely fail.

In order to help our students meet with success we must, in addition to preparing them academically, teach them to be culturally competent - to have the ability to live and work comfortably within the context of cultural differences. Studies show that a school culture that demands respect, cultural and academic competence, integrity and regard for others, is significant in creating an environment where all students can succeed. For schools, providing a multicultural curriculum and an equitable education for all students is one of the cornerstones of effective teaching and learning. Since its beginning as a discipline in the late 60's, multicultural education has grown into an effective set of research-based teaching practices.

ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION CONFERENCES AND THEMES

1st Annual Conference (1996) - **Sheraton Hartford Hotel**

Theme: Bridging Theory and Practice

Keynote Speaker - Valerie Ooka Pang, San Diego State University

2nd Annual Conference (1997) - **Radisson Hotel in Cromwell**

Theme: Bridging Multicultural Theory and Practice

Keynote Speakers: - G. Pritch Smith, University of North Florida; James P. Ashton, Virginia Department of Education

3rd Annual Conference (1998) - **Hartford Marriott, Farmington**

Theme: Moving Multicultural Education Forward: Works in Progress

Keynote Speakers: - Linda Christensen, Jefferson High School, Portland, OR; Christine Sleeter, California State University at Monterey; Sonia Nieto, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

4th Annual Conference (1999) - **Sheraton Waterbury**

Theme: Multicultural Education – Creating a Culturally Responsive Curriculum

Keynote Speaker: Beverly Daniel Tatum, Mt. Holyoke College

Featured Speakers and Guests: Donna Gollnick, NCATE; Jill Christianson, NEA

5th Annual Conference (2000) - **Sheraton Waterbury**

Theme: Multicultural Education – Equity, Social Justice, and Achievement for All Students

Keynote Speakers: Jeannie Oakes, UCLA; Carl A. Grant, University of Wisconsin

6th Annual Conference (2001) - **Sheraton Waterbury**

Theme: Teaching for Social Justice

Keynote Speaker: Louise Derman Sparks, Pacific Oaks College

7th Annual Conference (2002) - **Hartford Marriott, Farmington**

Theme: Moving Beyond Tolerance: Creating Successful Learning Communities Through Multicultural Education

Keynote Speaker: Lee Mun Wah, Stir-Fry Seminars & Consulting

8th Annual Conference (2003) - **Hartford Marriott, Farmington**

Theme: Lies My Teacher Told Me: Stories from Multicultural America

Keynote Speaker: James W. Loewen, (Washington, DC)

9th Annual Conference (2004) - **Hartford Marriott, Farmington**

Theme: *Brown v. Board of Education*: Which Achievement Gap Are We Closing?

Keynote Speaker: Enid Lee, Santa Cruz, CA

10th Annual Conference (2005) - **Hartford Marriott, Farmington**

Theme: Multicultural Education – 10 Years Later: A Retrospective

Speakers: Lewis Diuguid (moderator – Kansas City Star); Carl Grant (University of Wisconsin, Madison); Christine Sleeter (California State University, Monterey), Sonia Nieto (University of Massachusetts, Amherst), Philip C. Chinn (California State University, Los Angeles).

11th Annual Conference (2006) - **Hartford Marriott, Farmington**

Theme: Best Practices Multicultural Education

Speaker - Kevin Jennings, Executive Director of GLSEN, NYC

12th Annual Northeast Conference (2007) – **Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford, CT**

Theme: Best Practices in Multicultural Education

Keynote Speaker (morning) – Dr. Ronald Takaki (University of California, Berkeley)

Keynote Speaker (evening) – Dr. Beth Harry (University of Miami, Florida)

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